

# Operation Youth Success Steering Committee –Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Civic Center

1819 Farnam St.

Omaha, NE. 68183

Room 903

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.



## 1) Call to Order

## 2) Notice of Public Meeting Act

## 3) Motion to accept September Steering Committee meeting minutes

- a. Motion made – Seconded – Accepted

## 4) Presentation

- a. Juvenile Justice Institute – Dr. Anne Hobbs
  - i. Research presented (prepared by Litsey, et al) shows over serving low-risk kids creates more of a problem
  - ii. Control techniques (electronic monitoring, surveillance, over drug testing, fear-based) drive up law violations
  - iii. Therapeutic techniques (programs that increase positive behavior through personal development) are skill building programs, restorative programs, focusing on the offender, enhancing cognitive behavioral techniques, building social skills, multiple coordinated programs have been shown to be very effective
  - iv. There are times when both techniques are necessary and the trick is to match the level of the juvenile's need to the service
  - v. Being responsive to the need is the hardest part.
  - vi. It is more effective long-term.

## 5) Discussion

- a. Families Work Group – Linen Drive Proposal
  - i. OYS is sponsoring “Pack the Closet” linen drive benefitting DCYC
  - ii. Have identified a need that the Family Work Group can address
  - iii. Will run through the month of November
  - iv. Various drop-off locations are available and OYS is also willing to make pick-ups if contacted
- b. JDAI & OYS Updates
  - i. Co-Chair Meeting Scheduled
  - ii. Welcome Karla Dush, Program Coordinator, newest member of OYS Staff
  - iii. NJJA – May 2-4, 2018, in Kearney, NE at the Younes Conference Center
  - iv. Judy Gutierrez has volunteered as co-chair of the Families Work Group; Margaret Vacek remains as the other co-chair

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- v. Juvenile Justice Provider Forum, October 30, 2 pm – 4 pm, at the UNL Extension Office, 8015 W. Center Road
- vi. PACE Championship Celebration, Friday Oct. 20, 5:30 pm at Christie Heights
- vii. Next Steering Committee meeting, November 16, in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room, 8:30 am – 11:30 am
- viii. Georgetown LGBTQ Certificate and DMC Certificate participation by Douglas County teams will be applied for in 2018
- ix. “Operation Youth Success Improves Douglas County” handout is in your packets, highlighted by FSG

## 6) Action Item:

- a. Bylaws should be available next month for the Steering Committee’s review in preparation for taking action in December

## 7) Other Items:

- a. CBA Update
  - i. 26 applications – at Advisory Council in first level review
- b. One Stop Juvenile Justice Center is moving forward
  - i. Main goal is to have all of the entities in one spot
  - ii. Karen Chen is involved and she is well-known for helping communities create trauma-informed, family-friendly facilities that are comprehensive with the court system.
- c. Received a response back from OJJDP regarding the grant that was submitted for DMC; it was approved. It will go before the board on October 31 for clarification on next steps. The job description has been drafted and submitted to HR; hope to have this person on-board by December 4.
- d. OPS is creating a mentoring program for the north Omaha zip code, targeting the neediest and most vulnerable minority males. Have built their team up to provide for this program and to focus on attendance and provide training. The Code of Conduct is being addressed, and the Steering Committee will be kept up to date as progress continues.
- e. Recognizing National Spirit Day, which is putting attention to efforts to promote anti-bullying against the LGBTQ community.
- f. Concerning the article spotlighting OYS Improves Juvenile Justice: would like to be careful when promoting this to make sure that our entire narrative is being told and that all players are being named.

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- g. Citizen comments regarding open cases, in the future, will not be recorded and any members who may need to recuse themselves during this time will be allowed to do so. From last month's meeting, the section where this occurred has been removed from the recording.

### **8) Citizen Comments:**

*This is an opportunity for members of the audience to be heard at this time for a maximum of 3 minutes on any topic not on the agenda as it relates to the work of Operation Youth Success.*

- a. Comment presented regarding the pictures on the front page of the Steering Committee PowerPoint Agenda and discussion held with members of the Committee present.
- b. Comment presented regarding the Operation Youth Success website and discussion held with members of the Committee present.
- c. Comment presented regarding Thrive Center Omaha and information given detailing what it is about and the work that they do.

### **9) Motion to Adjourn:**

**Note:** Any agenda item may be moved at any time at the discretion of the Operation Youth Success Steering Committee Chair.

### **Executive Session:**

We reserve the right to enter an executive session in order to protect the public interest with respect to discussion regarding labor negotiations, litigation and personnel.